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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed

 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description: ...

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the claims:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4325032 A
D2: US 20020008551 A1
D3: US 6396358 B1
D4: US 6323910 B1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-11 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed oscillator circuit with tuneable delay means. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-11 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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CLAIMS

1. An oscillator circuit (100, 200, 300, 400, 500), comprising an oscillating element (110, 210, 310, 410, 510) and output means (115, 215, 315, 415) for outputting an oscillation frequency from said oscillating circuit, the circuit further comprising a signal delay means (120, 220, 320, 420, 520, 525) which is arranged in series with the oscillating element and feeds the output signal back to the oscillating element, the delay means (120, 220, 320, 420, 520, 525) being tuneable with respect to the delay it provides, characterized in that the signal delay means (420) is a tuneable delay line comprising a control input, to which is connected the output signal from an amplitude detector (440), with the amplitude detector sampling the signal at a chosen point in the circuit (400) and controlling the delay means so that a maximum output signal is obtained from the oscillator circuit.
- 15 2. The oscillator circuit (100, 200, 400) of claim 1, in which the oscillating element is an amplifier (110, 210, 410).
3. The oscillator circuit (100, 200, 400) of claim 2, further comprising a filter (130, 230, 430).
- 20 4. The oscillator circuit (100, 200) of claim 3, in which the delay means (120, 220) is a Delay Locked Loop.
- 25 5. The oscillator circuit (100) of claim 4, in which the filter (130) is a pass-band filter connected in series with the delay element (120), so as to filter the signal before it is fed back to the oscillating element (110), but after it has passed through the delay element.
- 30 6. The oscillator circuit (200) of claim 4, in which the filter (230) is a stop-band filter connected between the output means (215) and ground, so as to enable only the desired frequency to pass.

7. The oscillator circuit (400) of claim 4, in which the filter (430) is a stop-band filter connected between the output means (215) and ground, so as to enable only the desired frequency to pass.

5 8. The oscillator circuit (300, 500) of claim 1, in which the oscillating element is a voltage controlled oscillator (310, 510, 515).

9. The oscillator circuit (300) of claim 1 or 8, in which the delay means (320) is a Delay Locked Loop.

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10. The oscillator circuit (500) of claim 1 or 8, in which the delay means (520, 525) is a tuneable delay line.

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11. The oscillator circuit of claim 8 or 10, comprising at least a first and a second VCO (510, 515) and first and second tuneable delay lines (520, 525), in which the VCO:s (510, 515), are connected in series via two branches, an "upper" and a "lower" branch, the output of the "lower" branch being used as input to the "upper" branch, and the output of the "upper" branch being used as input to the "lower" branch, with the delay means being connected one between each of the VCO:s, in series with them, so that the upper branch output of the first and second VCO are separated by the same phase distance as their respective lower branch outputs, suitably ninety degrees.